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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

Species A: Figures 1, 4 and 7;

Species B: Figure 2;

Species C: Figure 3;

Species D: Figure 5;

Species E: Figure 6;

Species F: Figure 8;

Species G: Figure 9 and 10;

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Species A: Claims 1-5, 8-10, 16 and 23;

Species B: Claims 1-5;

Species C: Claims 1-7;

Species D: Claims 1-5 and 17;

Species E: Claims 1-5, 8-11, 18, 19, 21 and 22;

Species F: Claims 1-5 and 20;

Species G: Claims 1-5 and 12-15;

The following claim(s) are generic: 1-5.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the pressure regulating valves of species A, D, E, F and G are all separate embodiments where species A is a combined spray valve and pressure regulating valve, species D is a spray valve and pressure regulating valve with an annular attachment with an integrally formed neck attached to an inner housing, species E is a pressure regulating valve that is retrofitted with a spray valve,

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species F is a spray valve with pressure regulating chamber at the bottom oriented toward the inlet neck and species G is a pressure regulating valve where an o-ring is used as the sealing element. Should applicant disagree with what claims Examiner deems to correspond with the species listed above then Applicant is required to explain and show what claims belong with what species.

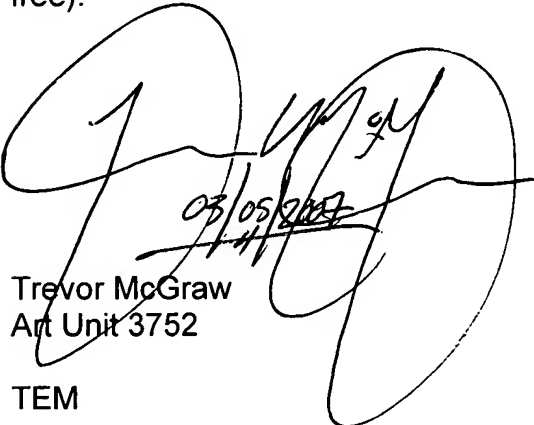
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trevor McGraw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7375. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (2nd & 4th Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

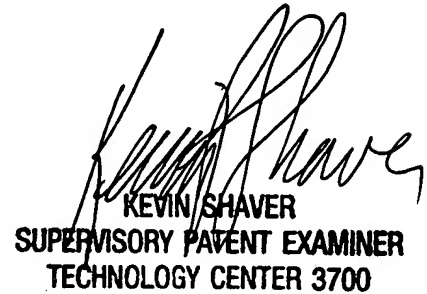
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